Policy on 3G Spectrum

1040. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had appointed a Committee consisting of Group of Ministers (GoM) to recommend the vacation plan for spectrum from Government and semi-Government agencies such as defence, space and paramilitary, etc.;

(b) if so, the main recommendations thereof; and

(c) by when the DoT would finalize the policy on 3G spectrum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The policy on spectrum for 3G services would take into account the recommendations of GoM, which are awaited.

Investment in broadband Infrastructure by BSNL

1041. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State-owned telecom major Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. has decided to invest about Rs. 2,000 crore to augment its broadband infrastructure in urban and rural areas across the country;

(b) whether the company recently announced that it would upgrade its existing broadband subscribers getting 256 kbps speed to 2mbs at the existing tariff of Rs. 250 a month;

(c) whether at present BSNL has 8.2 lakh subscribers using the 256 kbps broadband connection across the country; and